

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR KILLING INSECTS BY TRAPPING
LARVAE**

ABSTRACT

5 A method and apparatus provide for the killing of insects by trapping the larvae,
which either prevents development into adults or traps the adults developed from the
larvae to prevent further reproduction and harm. In one preferred embodiment, the
apparatus includes a container with an inverted cone or other protrusion and a second
non-horizontal surface, such as a funnel, positioned above the inverted cone. The funnel
10 defines an opening above the inverted cone. A barrier may also be included that abuts
the underside of the funnel. A liquid such as water is placed in the container at a level at
least above the opening such that eggs laid in the water become larvae that swim
downward and are directed through the opening by the funnel and are directed away from
the opening by the inverted cone. The larvae either drown, if the water level is above the
15 barrier, or else become trapped adult mosquitoes that cannot escape from the container.
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